

The measure requested in this proceeding is both unnecessary and cost prohibitive. Any worthwhile EMP protection would make most portable/mobile radio equipment too bulky to be portable/mobile any longer. It is also useless. The supposed EMP burst would not only destroy most radios, it would also affect the atmosphere in such a way to prevent communications through the radio frequencies used by these radios. What good is protecting the radio units in question when they would be useless when needed most?

In the case of the Amateur service, it should be remembered that amateur radio is a hobby, not an emergency radio service as some amateurs believe it to be. Amateurs are a communications resource who can be used to assist emergency and public service agencies, but are NOT the prime communications channel as some amateurs operators think they are.

Please stand by your decision to reject this ill conceived and worthless attempt at "protecting" radios against a million to one chance of damage. I still remember the bomb shelters of the 50s and 60s, and the real worry of attack from the old Soviet Union and/or their satellites, but the attack never came, and the bomb shelters never needed to be used for their intended purpose.

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